

Mr. HIMES. Madam Speaker, tonight the President of the United States will stand in this Chamber and discharge his constitutional obligation to address the State of the Union for the Congress. I understand that many of my colleagues will be sitting together in a bipartisan way, and I think that's a good thing. What I really hope, though, is that we get commonsensical about where we are tomorrow, that as we talk about the economy, we agree that we should cut regulations which serve no purpose but to stifle industry, but that we should not attack the rules which keep our air clean and our water drinkable.

We can and we must reduce the deficit and get our fiscal house in order, but do not try to persuade the American public that we can fail to invest in schools, in railways, in highways, and in networks that will provide economic prosperity for decades to come.

I'm glad my colleagues are going to be sitting together in this Chamber tonight. What I really hope is that tomorrow we are standing together behind commonsensical changes that will make this economy strong.

LET'S DEAL WITH JOBS

(Mr. CLEAVER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I, like all 434 other Members of this body, was elected to the 112th Congress. Shortly after arriving, I was told that the number one responsibility we had was to create jobs. So far, that has not been the case. We have given attention to health care, which I understood to have been one issue that we gave too much attention to. So my question today is, What about the jobs? When are we going to talk about jobs? I would like for somebody, anybody, to talk about jobs. When are we going to do the job of creating jobs? If we do our jobs, then we might be able to create some jobs; if we don't, nothing will happen.

Madam Speaker, I am urging the Members of this body, particularly those who are now in charge, to begin to deal with jobs.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. CAPITO) laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 25, 2011.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on January 25, 2011 at 11:00 a.m.:

That the Senate agreed to without amendment H. Con. Res. 10.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote incurs objection under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken later today.

STAFF SERGEANT SALVATORE A. GIUNTA MEDAL OF HONOR FLAG RESOLUTION

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 49) providing Capitol-flown flags for recipients of the Medal of Honor.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 49

Resolved,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This resolution may be cited as the "Staff Sergeant Salvatore A. Giunta Medal of Honor Flag Resolution".

SEC. 2. PROVIDING CAPITOL-FLOWN FLAGS FOR RECIPIENTS OF MEDAL OF HONOR.

(a) IN GENERAL.—At the request of a recipient of the Medal of Honor or an immediate family member of a recipient of the Medal of Honor, the Representative of the recipient or the Representative of the family member (as the case may be) may provide the recipient or the family member with a Capitol-flown flag, together with the certificate described in subsection (c), except that not more than one flag may be provided under this resolution with respect to the Medal of Honor recipient involved.

(b) NO COST TO FAMILY.—A flag provided under this section shall be provided at no cost to the individual receiving the flag.

(c) CERTIFICATE DESCRIBED.—The certificate described in this subsection is a certificate which is signed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Representative providing the flag, and which reads as follows: "This flag has been flown over the United States Capitol, in honor of the service and sacrifice of recipients of the Medal of Honor, the highest honor awarded to members of the Armed Forces for valor in combat, with profound gratitude on behalf of the United States House of Representatives."

(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

(1) the term "Capitol-flown flag" means a United States flag flown over the United States Capitol in honor of the Medal of Honor recipient involved; and

(2) the term "Representative" includes a Delegate or Resident Commissioner to the Congress.

SEC. 3. REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution, the Clerk of the House of Representatives shall issue regulations for carrying out this resolution, including regulations to establish procedures (including

any appropriate forms, guidelines, and accompanying certificates) for requesting a Capitol-flown flag.

(b) APPROVAL BY COMMITTEE ON HOUSE ADMINISTRATION.—The regulations issued by the Clerk under subsection (a) shall take effect upon approval by the Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. LATHAM) and the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. BRADY) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Iowa.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I ask that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Iowa?

There was no objection.

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 49, providing Capitol-flown flags for recipients of the Medal of Honor.

Madam Speaker, the resolution is simple, its language is succinct, but it is so much more significant than mere symbolism. This resolution provides a family member or the Medal of Honor recipient themselves a U.S. flag flown over this Capitol, along with a certificate which reads, "This flag has been flown over the United States Capitol, in honor of the service and sacrifice of recipients of the Medal of Honor, the highest honor awarded to members of the Armed Forces for valor in combat, with profound gratitude on behalf of the United States House of Representatives."

Madam Speaker, the Medal of Honor is the highest honor awarded to members of the Armed Forces. And to these Medal of Honor recipients, we, as a country, as one Nation, and as this collective House are immeasurably thankful for their service, their sacrifice, and their bravery, which sometimes has meant giving that last full measure of devotion.

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I am especially proud of Staff Sergeant Salvatore Giunta, a native of Clinton, Iowa, who is the first living recipient of the Medal of Honor since the Vietnam War and is here in the Capitol for the State of the Union Address this evening and a recognition ceremony tomorrow.

Sergeant Giunta's service embodies a spirit of selflessness, humility, and determination that Iowans are known for, both in the military and civilian life.

We pass this resolution as a heartfelt and profoundly sincere "thank you" to those receiving the highest of honors, the Medal of Honor. Madam Speaker, this resolution should garner overwhelming bipartisan support, and I